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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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1. AIDE MEMOIRE INCORPORATING POINTS IN REFTEL WAS DELIVERED BY DCM ON AUGUST 20 TO FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY SVENNEVIG, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LEAVE. SVENNEVIG SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE UPCOMING UNGA INCLUDING THE KOREAN ITEM IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING IN COPENHAGEN AUGUST 22-23 OF THE WORKING GROUP PREPARING FOR THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT THE END OF AUGUST. (DCM MET POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL VIBE AND HIS UN DIVISION HEAD VRAALSEN LEAVING SVENNEVIG'S OFFICE.) SVENNEVIG SAID HE HAD ALSO MET IN THE MORNING WITH SOUTH KOREAN ROVING PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY HAM, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS "BRILLIANT, THE KISSINGER OF SOUTH KOREA."

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2. SVENNEVIG INDICATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION

WITH HIS STAFF OF THE DESIRABILITY OF REFERRING TO KOREA IN THE COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED BY THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THIS WOULD BE PREMATURE GIVEN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE ENTRY OF THE TWO KOREAS INTO THE UN. SVENNEVIG NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF UN MEMBERSHIP WAS ONE FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL NOT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DECIDE, AND THAT ENVOY HAM HAD TOLD HIM HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT DECIDED WHETHER AND WHEN TO PROPOSE MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH KOREAS. IF A PROPOSAL TO ADMIT THE TWO KOREAS CAME BEFORE THE UNGA, SVENNEVIG SAID THAT NORWAY WOULD VOTE FOR IT. HE ALSO FAVORED THE PROPOSAL TO DISSOLVE UNCURK.

3. THE QUESTION OF THE UN COMMAND IS MORE DIFFICULT, SVENNEVIG SAID. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE LEGAL ARGUMENT AGAINST THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMAND, BUT HE SEEMED UNSURE OF THE FACTS ABOUT THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN KOREA, EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT THEY TOO CAME UNDER THE UN COMMAND. SVENNEVIG CLAIMED THAT HAM HAD SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING SOME ALTERNATIVE TO THE UN COMMAND BUT HAD REACHED NO DECISION. (COMMENT: HAM WAS PERHAPS BEING RESPONSIVE TO WHAT HE SENSED IS NORWAY'S ATTRACTION FOR THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING SOME ALTERNATIVE LEGAL ENTITY MORE ACCEPTABLE TO PYONGYANG THAN THE UNC, SEEKING THEREBY TO CONTRAST THE ROK'S SEARCH FOR PEACENUL ALTERNATIVES WITH PYONGYANG'S UNCOMPROMISING STAND.)

4. EMBOFFS HAVE APPOINTMENT TODAY TO MEET WITH THE NORWEGIANS TO DISCUSS THE UNGA AGENDA (PER STATE 163147). THIS MEETING WILL PROVIDE US WITH ANOTHER OCCASION TO DETERMINE WHETHER RECENT ROK AND AMERICAN APPROACHES HAVE HAD ANY IMPACT ON OSLO'S KOREAN POLICY. CROWE

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